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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on May 24, 2004. This Amendment is timely filed via certificate of facsimile on May 24, 2004.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.